

Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) Section 1206 Overview

Purpose

Increase the overall speed of recovery by providing financial assistance to conduct building inspections, review disaster-related development in the floodplain, and issue permits to administer and enforce adopted building codes and floodplain ordinances. Sections 402 and 406 of the Stafford Act, amended by the DRRA of 2018, is being implemented through the Public Assistance (PA) Program, and eligible costs will be funded at the Permanent Work cost-share applicable to the disaster. Refer to Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG) Version 4 for details on eligible work, cost reimbursements and required documentation.

Applicants who seek reimbursement must alert the FEMA Public Assistance Project Delivery Manager (PDMG) within 90 days from the Recovery Scoping Meeting

FUNDING IS LIMITED TO 180 DAYS AFTER THE DISASTER DECLARATION DATE

Work Eligibility Criteria

- Performed in a designated area of the major disaster declaration.
- Relate to the repair, replacement or retrofit of disaster-damaged structures (public, private and residential) in the jurisdiction of the Applicant.
- Consistent with the work normally done to administer and enforce building code/floodplain ordinance.
- Substantial damage determinations.

Cost Eligibility Criteria

- Funded at the Permanent Work cost-share applicable to the event, under Category G.
- Funding eligible for 180 days after major disaster declaration date.
- All claimed costs must be necessary and reasonable, and are subject to program eligibility and other federal requirements, including those related to procurement and contracting.
- PA prohibited from providing assistance that duplicates funding from another available source.



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ELIGIBLE COSTS

- Overtime for budgeted employees.
- Straight and overtime for unbudgeted employees and extra hires.
- Cost associated with temporary hires or contract support is eligible.
- Other costs associated with extra hires or contracted support may be eligible for reimbursement. This includes costs for travel, accommodations and per diem as appropriate.
- Purchase of supplies and equipment to execute work is eligible.
- Mutual Aid or EMAC costs are eligible depending on agreement.
- Legal cost related to enforcing building code or floodplain ordinance.

INELIGIBLE WORK

- Activities associated with non-disaster damaged development.
- Activities to update a community's laws, rules, procedures, or requirement such as updating building codes, adopting new zoning requirements and developing new land use plans.

Notes for PA Eligible Costs

- Funding is consistent with PA force account labor eligibility on temporary hires, reassigned staff, budgeted/unbudgeted.
- Any fees collected from eligible activities will offset the final costs of the Project Worksheet at closeout.
 - DRRA Section 1206 Policy C.11.: Revenue collected by the applicant (including fees and fines) for the performance of eligible work funded under this policy is considered program income. The project worksheet will be reduced accordingly during closeout.
 - FEMA will deduct income from total project costs as specified in 2 CFR Section 200.80 and 200.307. If the applicant waives fees or fines following the disaster, FEMA will still reduce the eligible costs by the amount that the fees or fines would have been.
- Eligible activities for DRRA Section 1206 reimbursement follow the emergency work labor policy and will be captured on a Category G (CAT G) Project Worksheet; DRRA Section 1206 work is funded as CAT G, using emergency work funding rules typical of CAT B, where overtime (OT) is funded instead of the normal permanent work reimbursement rules.

Supporting Documentation

- Requirements listed in PAPPG Version 4, Chapter 12: Final Reconciliation and Closeout ([link](#)).